

**Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**

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Application Number:	10/520,495
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Art Unit:	1792
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Attorney Docket Number:	033965.005

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on.
  - ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Fees**

Payment by:

- a. ☒ A credit card using EFS-Web;
- b. ☐ Deposit Account No. **02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **033965.005**; or
- c. ☐ A check

is submitted herewith for the following fees:

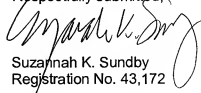
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **033965.005**.

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